(c) Government of India have issued guidelines to State Govts./UT Administrations recommending, *inter alia*, implementation of institutional measures for coordinated action towards prevention, mitigation, preparedness and response to disasters, setting up of specialized search and rescue teams, training and awareness generation at different levels, developing fire services as multi-hazard response units, setting up of control rooms with standby communication systems, drawing up of hazard specific disaster management plans, mainstreaming disaster mitigation aspects in all development projects, ensuring adherence to BIS standards/ codes in construction of buildings in seismic zones III, IV & V, constructing/earmarking cyclone and flood shelters, maintaining an on-line inventory of resources etc.

(d) Regular inter-action is maintained with State Governments to monitor the steps taken by them to strengthen their capacity for disaster management. 169 most hazard prone districts in 17 States are being assisted under the Government of India-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme in capacity building, awareness generation and preparation of disaster management plans at State/District/Block/Village/Ward/Urban Local Bodies levels. The State Governments have been allowed to utilize upto 10% of the annual allocation made to their Calamity Relief Fund for purchase of equipments for the specialist Search and Rescue teams. The State Governments have also been permitted to utilize the funds made available under the modernization of police forces scheme for equipping the Control Rooms at State/District levels. Technical and logistic support to facilitate action by States in pursuance of the guidelines issued by the Government is also being provided.

Leakage of question paper for recruitment of CRPF personnel

1349. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a test for recruitment of CRPF personnel which was to be held at Hyderabad in January last was cancelled due to leakage of the question paper;

(b) if so, whether the same test was cancelled at other centres also;

(c) whether an inquiry into the leakage of the question paper has been held; and

(d) if so, the number of CRPF personnel with designations and others, separately, involved in the leakage and details of the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The examination for Constable (General Duty) held on 8.1.2004 in Hyderabad and Guntur Centres in Andhra Pradesh was cancelled due to leakage of question papers. Since the question papers had been set separately for each State, the test in other States was not cancelled.

(c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had investigated the matter and filed a charge-sheet in the Special Court of CBI at Hyderabad.

(d) The following personnel were allegedly involved in the case:

(i) 1 Sub Inspector/Ministerial

(ii) 1 Sub Inspector/Steno

(iii) 1 Constable/Driver

(iv) 1 Ex-Constable

The personnel from Serial Number (i) to (iii) above have been suspended and that at Sr. No. (iv) is no longer in service.

Steps to check crimes in Delhi

†1350. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take any effective steps to check the increasing incidents of crime in the capital city, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the mechanism for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The steps taken to check crime in Delhi include improvement in the beat system of patrolling; identification of Police Station with high rate of crime and provision of additional manpower

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